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The 6+1 Trait Writing Model

1. **Ideas:** The heart of the message, the content of the piece, the main theme, with details that enrich and develop that theme.

2. **Organization:** The internal structure, the thread of central meaning, the logical and sometimes intriguing pattern of ideas within a piece of writing.

3. **Word Choice:** The use of rich, colorful, precise language that moves and enlightens the reader.

4. **Sentence Fluency:** The rhythm and flow of the language, the sound of word patterns, the way in which the writing plays to the ear, not just to the eye.

5. **Voice:** The heart and soul, magic, wit, feeling, and conviction of the writer coming out through the words.

6. **Conventions:** The mechanical correctness of the piece- spelling, grammar and usage, paragraphing, use of capitals, and punctuation.

- +1 **Presentation:** Zeros in on the form and layout of the text and its readability; the piece should be pleasing to the eye.
